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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH EXBD: AGENDA ITEM 8.1 (BUDGE-

TARY AND FINANCIAL, DOCUMENT 98 EX/23):

STATEMENT OF US POLICY ON PAYMENT OF

ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION.

REF: PARIS 21581

1. IN ADDITION TO PERMDEL'S NEED FOR SPECIFIC GUID-
ANCE ON TECHNICAL ISSUES UNDER SUBJECT EXBD AGENDA
ITEM AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, PERMDEL SIGNALS NEED FOR
PRECISE GUIDANCE ON TEXT OF US STATEMENT RE POLICY ON
PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION IN EVENT LIKELY CONTIN-
GENCY US WILL BE CALLED UPON TO STATE ITS INTENTIONS.

2. SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM NORMALLY INCLUDES CONSIDERATION
OF TREASURY SITUATION AND SECRETARIAT NORMALLY PROVIDES
LATEST INFORMATION. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE BLANK PART II,
TREASURY SITUATION, OF DOCUMENT 98 EX/23. US MAY WELL
BE FACED WITH QUESTIONS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AS TO
WHETHER US CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT WILL
BE PAID.

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3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, DG M'BOW HAS SO FAR ANSWERED

QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM PRESS THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED "OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION" FROM US OR ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE THAT CONTRIBUTIONS WILL NOT BE PAID IN PART OR IN FULL. AUSTRALIAN PERMDEL ADVISED THAT DURING M'BOW'S RECENT VISIT TO AUSTRALIA HE MADE NUANCED RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NOTHING FORMAL OR "IN WRITING" BY WAY OF US NOTIFICATION. WHILE M'BOW PROBABLY HAS NOT MADE PUBLIC REFERENCE TO VERBAL NOTIFICATION OF US POSITION GIVEN IN JUNE BECAUSE HE MAY WISH TO AVOID IMAGE OF ORGANIZATION THREATENED WITH COLLAPSE, HIS TACTIC HAS ALSO SERVED TO PROTECT US FROM CRITICISM.

4. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS GIVEN ABOVE, US MAY WELL BE CONFRONTED WITH NEED TO EXPLAIN ITS POLICY AND RESPONSE WOULD APPEAR IN SUMMARY RECORDS OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS, I.E. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION AS WELL AS PLENARY SESSIONS. PERMDEL UNDERLINES ASPECT OF POSSIBLY HAVING TO MAKE STATEMENT THAT WILL APPEAR IN BOARD'S FORMAL RECORD IN VIEW POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL IMPLICATIONS.

5. PERMDEL ASSUMES THAT IF US STATEMENT UNAVOIDABLE, IT MIGHT BE CONFINED TO EXPLAINING THE CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS SO FAR ON PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION BUT THAT WE CANNOT STATE BEYOND THIS WHETHER OR WHEN OUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE PAID BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE PREDICTED WHEN CONDITIONS WILL DEVELOP THAT WILL ENABLE THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE NECESSARY CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS. PERMDEL WOULD DECLINE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OR STATEMENT OF US POLICY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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